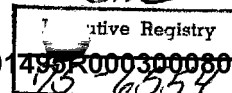


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The Honorable  
William E. Colby  
Director, the Central  
Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby,

My piece about the CIA and the Intelligence Function went to press, finally, last week for Fortune's June issue.

Through a failure of communications on my side, the writing had to be started sooner and finished earlier than I had been counting on. That fault put a burden on your people, and they all met the difficulty in good spirit.

Let me say this: that I wish the writing matched the intelligence and high character your people brought to their association with me. Walter Elder, Angus Thuermer, Lawrence Houston, George Carver, Bill Nelson, Dr. Proctor, were forthright and, in a much-abused phrase, constructive in their assistance. I enjoy their minds and I enjoy their company.

My hope now is that my Fortune colleagues will let me move forward with a piece looking at the Analytical Function, the Drafting of Estimates and so forth. Beyond that, within the security rules, I propose to take up the agency's work on the open surveillance side. Thus while the Congressional committee will be delving into the little misdemeanors, Fortune will be presenting an account of the useful, the indispensable work that was going forward all the while.

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For now, I wish you to know that I am

grateful to your people for the help they gave a journalist, and I would have been hard pressed without the professional guidance of Walter Elder, an old & trusted friend.

Sincerely

*Charles W. Murphy*

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Remarks:

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